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Dominican Republic: President Balaguer faces intensified opposition from the left in the aftermath of the 4 May attack on leading Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) Senator Casimiro Castro.

The left-of-center PRD on 5 May called on its congressional bloc to boycott the legislature until "conclusive measures are taken to end terrorism." Public and private statements by PRD leaders indicate the party may adopt further steps such as implementing its long threatened but vaguely defined "movement of peaceful national resistance" if the government's response seems to be inadequate.

The secretary general of the moderate-left Revolutionary Social Christian Party on 5 May said that his group will abandon its "constructive opposition" to the government if the present state of "anarchy and absence of security" continues.

Prior to the 4 May incident, Balaguer's critics had been urging him to make changes in government personnel, appoint an independent investigating commission, and strengthen the investigative facilities of the police.

The US Embassy in Santo Domingo has commented that the sharp and adverse public reaction to the attack seems to make it clearly incumbent on the government to take prompt action on this and other acts of terrorism.

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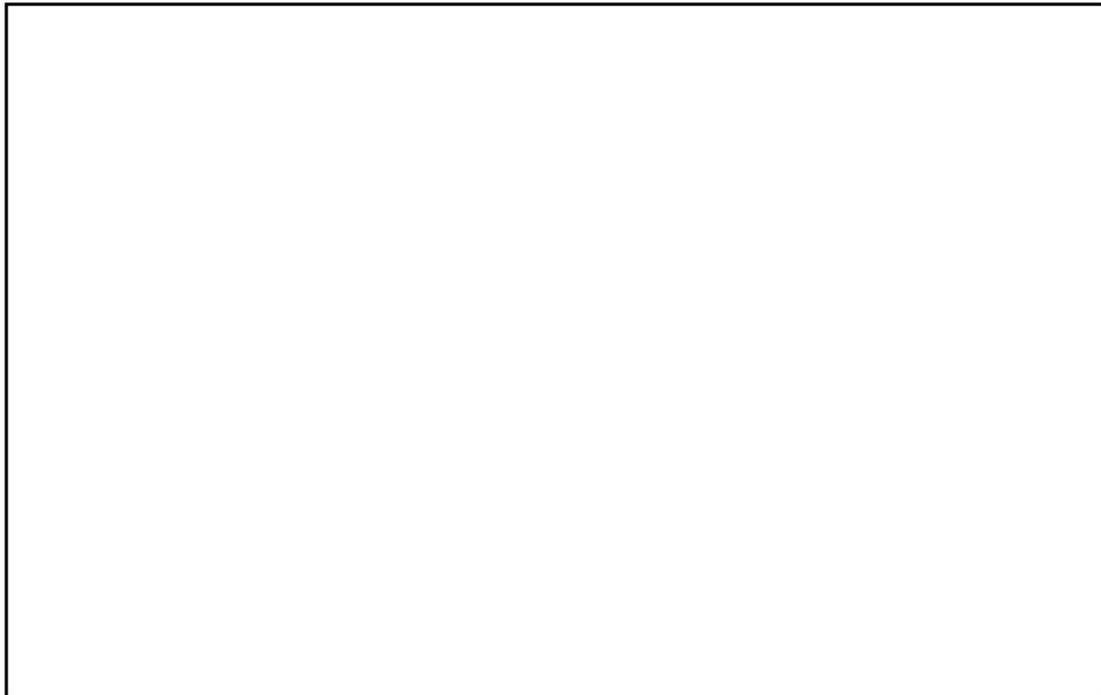
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*Greece-Cyprus: King Constantine is continuing his course of cautious cooperation with the new regime.

The King, calm but preoccupied with his efforts to influence the coup leaders, has told Ambassador Talbot that one of his first objectives will be to get the senior generals to re-establish their authority over the "colonels," who he believes are having their differences.

The cabinet apparently has agreed on a mechanism for reviewing the constitution. Both the King and Interior Minister Pattakos told the ambassador that a 20-man commission will be selected within the next few weeks to decide on which articles of the existing constitution will be revised. None of the articles dealing with the "fundamental institutions" of the state reportedly will be changed. Pattakos said the commission's work could take six to 12 months, but he refused to give specific target dates.

It is still unclear whether Andreas Papandreou will be tried in a civil or military court, but the regime leaders have assured the King that there will be no attempt to get a death penalty.



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Nigeria: Recent pressures on Lt. Col. Gowon's federal government by newly assertive Western Region leaders are viewed by military officers close to Gowon as posing a direct threat to the continued existence of the present federal regime. Many of these advisers are pushing hard for an early show of federal force, including the removal of Western military Governor Adebayo. With general discontent and demands for some type of forceful action reportedly running deep in lower army ranks, the chances are increasing that some military elements will act independently if Gowon does not soon move decisively to meet this latest challenge to his authority.

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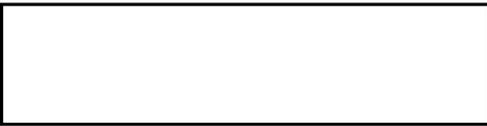
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